1. Prophecy fulfilled
   a) Isaiah 7:16 The LORD revealed through the prophet Isaiah that both the northern kingdom of Israel and Syria would be destroyed. When was this prophecy fulfilled? 2 Kings 15:29-30, 16:7-9 (734-722 BC)
   b) How would you have responded if you were a faithful servant of the LORD living in the northern kingdom of Israel at that time?
   c) How should you respond today when we recognize our leaders have disregarded the counsel of God?

2. Consequences of turning away from the LORD
   a) 2 Kings 16:10-18 What troubles you as you read this account of the apostasy of King Ahaz, whose father Jotham “did what was right in the sight of the LORD”? (see also 2 Chronicles 28:22-25)
   b) Name some other Bible characters whose lives degenerated when they turned away from the LORD.
   c) What counsel would you give to a friend who says to you, “I have wandered so far away from God and done things I never would have imagined just a few years ago. Is there any hope for me?”
   d) Share your testimony of a time when the LORD rescued you from the path that leads to destruction.

3. The testimony of Isaiah’s second son
   a) What is the meaning of the name of Isaiah’s second son? What prophesy is given through his name? Isaiah 8:3-4
   b) When we face calamities, why is it important to remember the name of Isaiah’s first son, Shear-Jashub, and also the prophecy of Isaiah 7:14?

4. Choosing to reverence the LORD rather than be fearful
   a) Isaiah 8:11-13 The word “fear” has two meanings both in Hebrew and Greek: to be afraid, or to reverence. What makes the difference?
   b) Share some Bible texts that encourage us not to be afraid. Isaiah 41:10, Revelation 1:17-18, Luke 12:32, etc.
   c) Share Bible texts that encourage us to “fear the LORD”, showing Him reverence and respect. Psalm 34:8-10, Revelation 14:6-7, etc.

5. Choosing to listen to God rather than demons
   a) What warning does the LORD give regarding occult practices introduced by King Ahaz? Isaiah 8:19
   b) What other passages of Scripture warn us about engaging in occult practices? Deuteronomy 18:9-12, Leviticus 19:31, etc.
   c) Why are these warnings so relevant today?
   d) Rather than listen to demons, where should we turn for counsel? Isaiah 8:20, Jeremiah 33:3, etc.